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SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US-CONGO RELATIONS: BRIEFING
MATERIAL FOR GENSCHER AND VAN WELL

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1. SINCE THERE ARE NO VERY SERIOUS ISSUES BETWEEN THE
CONGOLESE AND OURSELVES, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.
WE WOULD ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT AGREEMENT ON RESUMING
RELATIONS CAN BE REACHED FAIRLY EASILY, BUT WE WOULD LIKE
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TO KNOW FROM GERMANS WHETHER CONGOLESE ARE APPROACHING TALKS
WITH SAME EXPECTATION.

2. IN HIS TALKS WITH OBENGA, SCHAUFLE WILL BE SEEKING
SOME UNDERSTANDING ON NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO AVERT FRICTION
IN THE FUTURE.

A. TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATS: WE SUSPENDED RELATIONS WITH CONGO IN 1965 BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT OF SEVERAL AMERICAN OFFICIALS. WE WILL NOW ASK FOR ASSURANCES REGARDING PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS TO IMPRISONED AMERICANS AND SEEK INCLUSION OF SOME REFERENCE TO VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN ANY COMMUNIQUE ON

RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS. WE WILL ALSO TRY TO REACH SOME COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON OTHER POSSIBLE FRICTION POINTS, E.G., ACCESS TO OFFICIALS, NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATS, EXPEDITIOUS CLEARANCE OF POUCH AND OTHER MATERIALS THROUGH CUSTOMS, ETC.

B. NATIONALIZED PROPERTIES. MOBIL AND TEXACO ASSETS WORTH RESPECTIVELY AN ESTIMATED DOLS 2.8 AND 3.2 MILLION WERE NATIONALIZED IN 1974. WHILE SCHAUFELLE WILL WELCOME THE CONGO'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH TEXACO, HE WILL STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS REACHING SOME FORMULA OF LONG-TERM COMPENSATION. WE HAVE WARNED THE CONGOLESE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW GENERAL TARIFF PREFERENCES IF GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEGUN IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. TIME AND VENUE. AMB. SCHAUFELLE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AT 10 A.M. MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, AT SITE SELECTED BY GERMANS, WITH BILATERAL DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON COMMUNIQUE TO BE CONCLUDED IN AFTERNOON SESSION IF NECESSARY.

4. SCHAUFELLE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONGOLESE DESK
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OFFICER RONALD KATES. HE WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE EMBOFF ALSO PRESENT DURING TALKS WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE CONDUCTED IN FRENCH.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE CONGOLESE DELEGATION.

6. LUNCHEON FOR OBENGA: FOR VAN WELL'S INFORMATION, WE ENVISION THAT DISCUSSION COULD ESSENTIALLY BE CONCLUDED IN TWO-HOUR MEETING BEFORE LUNCHEON. WE ASSUME US REPS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN LUNCHEON.

7. SCHAUFELLE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH VAN WELL. PERHAPS LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT.

8. SCHAUFELLE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:
SATURDAY, JUNE 4: WASHINGTON-LONDON VIA PA 106
SUNDAY, JUNE 5: LONDON - COLOGNE VIA BE 624

TUESDAY, JUNE 7: COLOGNE - LONDON VIA LUFTHANSA 56

TUESDAY, JUNE 7: LONDON - WASHINGTON VIA PA 107

AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO ACCEPT
CASH'S INVITATION.

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